FY15 Funding Update and Guidance

SAFETY AND SECURITY IN IDAHO SCHOOLS

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Agenda

- SDFS Legislative Action for FY15

- Dedicated funding allocation / intent

- Requirements to access funds / process

- Guidance / tools for implementation

- Next steps

The Big Ideas

- Provide dedicated resources to:
  - ✓ Prevent / address student substance abuse and violence
  - ✓ Increase security capabilities (training, program implementation, staffing, etc…)
  - ✓ Implement safety equipment

This funding is a recommendation of the SDE's Safe and Secure Schools Task Force. More information on Task Force recommendations can be found at:
http://www.sde.idaho.gov/site/safe_secure/

School Safety Legislative Action

- As a result of the common threat assessment implementation among 10% of Idaho schools the legislature dedicated funding for school safety.

- Common deficiencies identified include:
  - ✓ Toxic school climates
  - ✓ Access control
  - ✓ Emergency operations
  - ✓ Crisis intervention

School Safety Legislative Action

- HB 589 provides approximately $2.1 million in formula funds for **substance abuse prevention** and **school safety improvements**.

- Formula fund calculation:
  - ✓ Base amount of $2,000 for every district and public charter school (regardless of authorizing entity)
  - ✓ Prorated amount of approximately $6.50 per student

- Funding available for FY15 school year

School Safety Legislative Action

- HB 589 requires:
  - ✓ A school safety plan for each school, which includes:
    - Prevention- how to stop bad things from happening
    - Response- how to minimize impact when bad things happen

  - ✓ Annual meeting with first responders to discuss emergency exercises, operations and safety plans

School Safety Funding Access

- Simplified process for funding includes an application asking for the following:

  - ✓ District / public charter school ADA
  - ✓ School safety lead (PMR)
  - ✓ Safety committee members and meeting frequency
    - If no committee exists, describe plans to create one

School Safety Funding Access

- Application requirements continued…

    ✓ Description of objective data informing budget proposal such as:

    - Threat assessment results
    - Behavior policy violations
    - Student surveys
    - Juvenile arrests
    - Additional relevant data

School Safety Funding Access

- Proposed budget and descriptions in the following categories:

  - ✓ Personnel (title & FTE)
  - ✓ Supplies
  - ✓ Equipment
  - ✓ PD / training
  - ✓ Travel
  - ✓ Contractual
  - ✓ other

School Safety Funding Access

- Allowable expenditures include activities and items directly related to substance abuse prevention or school safety improvements such as:

  - ✓ *Student programs* (Idaho Drug Free Youth, Natural Helpers, Student Assistance Programs, Toward No Drugs, Teens Against Tobacco Use, Kindness Campaigns, Sources of Strength, etc…)
  - ✓ *Personnel focused on school safety* (truancy officers, school resource officers, prevention specialists, counselors, etc…)
  - ✓ *Training focused on school safety* (Prevention Conference, school climate improvement, crisis intervention, emergency operations, table top exercises, etc…)
  - ✓ *Supplies / equipment related to school safety* (emergency communication devices, access control measures, surveillance tools, monitoring software, etc…)

School Safety Funding Timeline

✓ May 27, 2014- webinar on school safety funding guidance conducted and archived

✓ June 6, 2014- application for funding released

✓ October 17, 2014- applications for funding due*

funding will be distributed as applications are received and processed

School Safety Funding Reporting

■ At the completion of the FY15 school year the following will be requested:

    ✓ Actual expenditures by category
    ✓ Summary of effectiveness / outcomes of strategies implemented

Questions?

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